

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That should any overseer as aforesaid neglect to report as aforesaid, he shall be subject to the same penalty to be recovered in the same manner as prescribed for neglect of duty in the sixth section of the act to which this is a supplement.

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Neglect to report.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the overseers to be appointed by virtue of this act shall respectively be allowed a sum not exceeding sixteen dollars a year for discharging the duties imposed by this act; which allowance shall be paid to them in the same manner as heretofore provided.

Compensation of overseers.

CHAPTER 183.

A further supplement to an act entitled, An act to prevent the inconveniences arising from slaves being permitted to act as free.

Passed Feb. 20, 1822.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED By the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, it shall be the duty of the constables in Worcester and Caroline counties, to arrest and bring before a justice of the peace, any slave or slaves who may be going at large and hiring him, her or themselves within their respective hundreds, or who may not have a fixed home in the family or on the estate of his, her or their owner, or be hired to and in the regular employ of another person by virtue of a contract with his, her or their owner.

Constables may arrest.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where a slave or slaves shall or may be brought before any justice of the peace under the provision of the first section of this act, if it appear to the satisfaction of the said justice of the peace, that said slave or slaves so arrested and brought before him, were going at large in violation of an act of assembly passed at April session seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled, An act to prevent the inconveniences arising from slaves being permitted to act as free, and the supplements thereto, or of this act, he shall forthwith issue an order to the constable who shall or may have brought the said slave or slaves before him, to hire such slave or slaves for the entire balance of the year in which they may have been arrested; and for each examination of slaves had before him under this act, a justice of the peace shall be entitled to twenty-five cents, to be levied on the county as part of the county expenses for the ensuing year.

Slaves violating may be hired.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the constables to keep an account of the slaves by them respectively hired out, and the amount of hire for each received, to be submitted to the levy court at its first session in the year after such proceeding may have been had under this act, and the amount so returned to be accounted for by the constable to the levy court for the use and benefit of the county.

Constables to keep accounts of hire.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy courts of the several counties in this state, be and they are hereby authorised to levy and allow to any constable who may have taken up and hired out a slave or slaves under this act, two dollars for each and every slave so taken up and hired out: *Provided*, That in no instance such allowance shall exceed two thirds of the amount by him paid over to the court.

Fee.
Proviso.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any constable who refuses or neglects to comply with the requisitions of this act, shall be subject to a fine of not more than ten dollars nor less than three dollars, to

Neglect--penalty.